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State Consolidates Missouri Career Center Staff in St. Louis County

In an effort to provide more cost-effective and efficient employment and training services, the Missouri Division of Workforce Development will consolidate staff in St. Louis County offices.

According to Rick Beasley, acting director of the Missouri Division of Workforce Development, staff currently located in the Missouri Career Center at 9244 Watson Road in Crestwood will be relocated to the Career Center at 2780 North Lindbergh on June 17. Then, when South County Service Center near Jefferson Barracks is completed later this fall, some employees will be relocated again to staff that facility.

In 1999, the General Assembly approved the concept of consolidating state agencies into four service centers in St. Louis County. These moves are designed to ensure the continuous delivery of employment and training services to businesses and residents in south St. Louis County while allowing more cost-effective operations through consolidation.

Missouri Career Centers are one-stop employment and training centers, which help businesses find qualified workers and help job seekers find the employment and training services they need to obtain quality jobs. Beasley pointed out that Missouri Career Centers are located across the state, with a number of locations in the greater St. Louis area. "Our valued customers can find a consistent quality of services and information at all our locations," said Beasley.

Services provided by the Division of Workforce Development are also available on the Internet at www.greathires.org. These services allow businesses to find qualified applicants, review resumes, post job openings and obtain workforce data. Job seekers may post a resume online, view existing posted job openings, and review career-planning information. There are currently over 17,000 job openings posted on the web site with over 200,000 posted resumes.

All of the services provided at Missouri Career Centers or at the www.greathires.org web site are free of charge. Workforce Development is a division of the Missouri Department of Economic Development.